

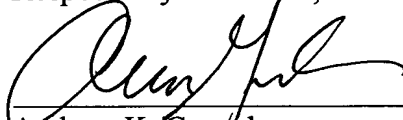
Remarks

Applicants have determined that the Examiner's Amendment (mailed January 5, 2006) contained an error in the claim of priority benefit paragraph inserted before line 5, page 1 of the specification. In particular, the filing date of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/02023 was incorrectly recited as "March 23, 2000," whereas it should instead recite "March 30, 2000" (emphasis added to show correct date). Applicants have amended the aforementioned paragraph to correct this error. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Thus, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312, applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

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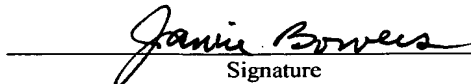
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